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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN

REFS: MADRID 8191, 8226 AND 9035

1. DRAFT AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN MADRID 8226 HAS BEEN
REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT AND DEA AND WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT
(A) AN AGREEMENT OF THIS NATURE, IN WHICH DEA WOULD BE
WORKING THROUGH THE GABINETE, WOULD HURT MORE THAN HELP
ITS EFFORTS IN SPAIN AND (B) SUCH AN AGREEMENT, AS
WORDED, WOULD NOT PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR ANY U.S.
EQUIPMENT PROGRAM FOR SPAIN.

2. DEA BELIEVES THAT THE PROPOSAL BY MARTIN VILLA, IN
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HIS LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 21, WAS INSPIRED BY THE DGS IN
AN EFFORT TO DIMINISH THE RELATIONSHIP OF DEA WITH THE
GUARDIA CIVIL, WHICH IS THE AGENCY HAVING THE GREATER
INTEREST IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND WHICH WORKS THE
MOST CLOSELY WITH DEA. WHILE DEA IS PREPARED TO HAVE
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TWO SPANISH LINE AGENCIES, EVEN

WITHOUT ARTICLE 20, IT IS NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING AN AGREEMENT WITH A COMMITTEE (THE GABINETE).

3. IT APPEARS FROM PARAGRAPHS 1-3 OF MADRID 8191 THAT THE SPANISH INTERIOR MINISTRY IS NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPHS 2-8 OF STATE 75-186622 AND ON THE BASIS OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN STATE 75-177133 AND STATE 76-47537. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE BASIC LETTER AND ANNEX SUBMITTED TO THE GOS LAST MAY 11, WHICH WE ASSUME FULLY REFLECTED THESE GUIDELINES. IN VIEW OF THE VERY SMALL VALUE OF ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN FINANCIAL TERMS, AND THE APPARENT RELUCTANCE AND LIKELY ANNOYANCE OF THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN FULFILLING ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO SUBMIT SUCH A SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT AS A NEW PROPOSAL FOR SPECIFIC CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD ONLY BE A SUPPLEMENT TO SPANISH SELF-EQUIPMENT EFFORTS, WE CONCLUDE THAT THE IDEA OF AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MAY NO LONGER BE PRACTICABLE.

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